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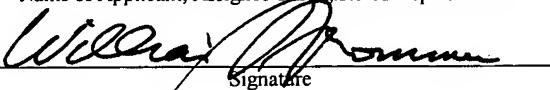
Applicant(s) : Paul Wilhelm RICHTER et al. Notice of Allowance
Dated: September 20, 2004
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For : IMPLANT INCLUDING BODY OF NON-RESORBABLE
BIOACTIVE MATERIAL
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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312
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